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CENTRAL POWERS, GERMAN LEADING, CALLS FOR MEETING AT ONCE ON PEACE, AS ANSWER TO NOTE FROM WILSON

MOVE TO SECURE 25,000 CHINESE FOR HAWAII MADE

Farm Cornn and W. H. Hindle Leave for Washington to Interview Congressmen—Hope to Get Support of Organized Labor

To endeavor to interest Washington officials and congressmen in a plan to bring into the Territory of Hawaii 25,000 Chinese as laborers, Farm Cornn, well-known local Chinese businessman, and W. H. Hindle of the Mercantile Reference Agency, left this morning for Washington on the Great Northern. This plan, which has been under consideration for several years, is apparently backed by all the Chinese interests in the islands, including the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. From information received from Washington it is understood that several congressmen and government officials are in favor of the plan and that Farm Cornn's proposition will be given every consideration.

While on the mainland he will also see Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, and try to obtain union labor's support, the idea being that if the Chinese are permitted to come into the territory they will remain here as a constant labor supply, while a number of nationalities brought here soon emigrate to the states and thus disrupt the labor organizations there.

As a local argument it is pointed out that the rice industry here is dying out and if a sufficient number of Chinese are imported that important industry will be revived.

C. K. Al, manager of the City Mill Company, is actively interested in the movement, believing it will be of untold benefit to the islands. Al said this morning that he has had a number of communications from United States congressmen, including John L. Burnett, chairman of the house immigration committee, and James L. Slayden of Texas, in which the tone indicates that they favor the idea. There are also a number of Honolulu businessmen giving their support, he said.

When a party of congressmen visited Hawaii in the spring of 1915, local Chinese approached Burnett and other members of the house immigration committee, as well as congressmen met on the committee, to discuss the question of abrogating the Chinese Exclusion Act or modifying it in some respect so that a large number of Chinese could be brought into the territory to obtain union labor's support. It appears that the Chinese societies and other Chinese interests have been at work on the project ever since, though quietly. Farm Cornn's visit is to secure early action if possible.

Mauna Loa Crater Busy

[Star-Bulletin Special by Mutual Wireless]

+ HILO, Hawaii, Dec. 26.—A big column of steam and smoke at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning + shot from the crater of Mokuaweewe and most of the day + could be seen from Hilo.
+ No report on the phenomena + has yet been made by either + Prof. T. A. Jaggar or Prof. H. O. + Wood of the Volcano observatory.
+ Both Mauna Loa and Mauna + Kea are snow-covered down to + the timber line. It is probable + that the outbreak is on the Kau + side.
+ Mokuaweewe is the summit + crater of Mauna Loa; the great + volcano on Hawaii. It is a large + depression, produced by collapse, + in the broad summit plateau + which terminates the huge dome + of the mountain. It is only occasionally that smoke and steam + are seen here.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SUFFRAGE LEADER

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Memorial services were held by suffragettes in many states today in honor of the memory of Inez Milholland Boissevain, the noted young suffrage leader, who died recently here. Services here were in Statuary hall.

The portrait of William Jennings Bryan paid for by the United States government and destined to hang among the pictures of other secretaries of state in the capitol has been completed.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today.	Saturday.
Alaska Gold	111 1/2	111 1/2
American Smelter	105	105 1/4
American Sugar Rfg.	110	109 3/4
American Tel. & Tel.	125 1/4	125 1/4
Anaconda Copper	83 1/4	82 1/2
Atchafalca	104 1/2	104 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	89	88 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	500	503
Calif. Petroleum	25 1/2	25
Canadian Pacific	167	166 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	91 1/4	92
Colo. Fuel & Iron	46	45
Crucible Steel	62	59
Erie Common	35	34 3/4
General Electric	169 1/2	167 3/4
General Motors	117 1/2	117 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	117 1/2	117 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	119	121
Kennecott Copper	45 1/4	45
Lehigh R. R.	79 1/2	80
New York Central	104 1/4	103 3/4
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	56 1/2
Ray Connel	26 1/2	26 1/2
Southern Pacific	95 1/2	97 1/4
Studebaker	111 1/2	111 1/2
Texas	225 1/2	211 1/4
Union Pacific	107 1/2	107 1/2
U. S. Steel	119 1/2	120
U. S. Steel Pfd.	102 1/2	100 1/4
Utah	97	97
Westinghouse	56	55 1/2

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

JAPANESE WOMAN IN AUTO'S PATH HIT, DIES SOON

Apparently Confused, She Ran Back in Front of Car After Passing It

Apparently becoming confused after she had crossed the path of an auto, a Japanese woman, Yoshi Yashiro, was struck by the machine when she dodged back directly in front of it, and was fatally injured. The accident occurred at Kalakaua and King streets yesterday just before noon, and the woman died shortly afterward, though she was rushed to the city emergency hospital and later to the Japanese hospital in an effort to save her life.

The machine, owned and driven by Attorney Paul Bartlett, was proceeding toward Waikiki at a moderate rate of speed, according to the report at the police station. As it turned from King street into Kalakaua avenue the woman passed in front. A second later she started back. Bartlett made a desperate effort to avoid the inevitable accident, whirling the wheel and driving his car at the center parking strip, but the woman was so close there was no time for him to swerve the machine away from her, it is said. It is thought her head was struck by the car.

She was at once picked up and Bartlett put her in another car, coming downtown, and hurried her to the emergency hospital, where she was treated. He also went to the police station and made a report. Officer Lellis, chauffeur-examiner, said today that a Bartlett has no license. The inquest will be held tomorrow. The woman was 55 years of age, married, and lived in the Pawa district with her husband and their eight children. The husband is a Japanese gardener. It is said that five of the children are studying in mainland schools.

GALA CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—President Wilson, his three daughters and their family, and Mrs. Wilson celebrated Christmas with a big tree, a dinner and an exchange of presents among the family.

Every married employee in the White House was given a turkey, the gift of the President.

Many handsome gifts, and letters and telegrams from all parts of the world came to the White House.

President Wilson and his wife attended the community singing on the steps of the treasury building Christmas Eve. A vast crowd was present when Mr. and Mrs. Wilson appeared unexpectedly. Adults and children joined in the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. Mr. Wilson was handed a sheet of music with the words and music of some of the carols printed upon it, and thanked the usher with a

BOOZE LEADS TO BRAWLS MARRING CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Hundreds of Soldiers and Civilians in Near-Riot on Hotel Street Following Fights

Mob violence and a near-riot on Hotel street last night, with soldiers and civilians participating in about equal numbers, marred an otherwise quiet, peaceful Christmas day in Honolulu.

Responsibility for the first outbreak has not yet been entirely settled. The police lay the real responsibility to booze, which led to an exchange of words between a civilian chauffeur and an army private. A fight of two men afterwards developed into a series of fights and the visit of a crowd estimated at about 700 men and boys to the neighborhood of the police station following the arrest of three soldiers.

L. Palenapa, the giant Hawaiian of the police department, was badly beaten in the melee.

To prevent a spread of the riot spirit most of the downtown saloons were closed. Stories differ as to details, but it appears that the brawling crowd included civilians, soldiers, sailors and a few policemen trying to stem the rush. The police say that it began with some soldiers being too ready to fight and pass remarks at girls along the street. The policemen were jostled about and several figured in "rough-house" scenes; stones and bottles were thrown, the police drew their revolvers on several occasions and all the provost guards available were rushed to the scene. The row began

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PELLEY NOW OWNS FANNING ISLAND

News that the Armstrong interests in Fanning and Washington islands have been purchased by F. R. Pelley, a merchant prince of London, making Pelley sole owner of both islands, was received Saturday and made public today by the firm of Fred L. Waldron, Ltd., the local agency for the islands and their new owner.

The local agency received a cablegram from London containing notification of the buying out by Pelley of C. N. Armstrong's interests in Fanning and Washington. The purchase includes the buying of Armstrong's interest in the British steamer Kestrel, which plies between this port and Fanning regularly carrying supplies and bringing back copra from the coconut plantations on both islands.

Fanning and Washington were purchased by the Armstrong brothers from Father Emmanuel Rougier about five years ago for \$550,000. The British Cable Board has a cable station on Fanning. Both islands are coral atolls. Fanning is about 1100 miles due south of Honolulu and Washington is 60 miles from Fanning. A big scaling plant is to be built on Fanning in the near future to supply British and other steamers.

SWISS PRAISE WILSON'S MOVE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Switzerland's government has joined hands with the Washington administration and Friday addressed a note to the belligerent powers announcing that it will support Mr. Wilson's effort to secure a discussion of peace terms by the warring nations.

In the note which has gone to all the nations at war, as well as to the leading neutrals, the Swiss government declares that "we would consider ourselves as most fortunate and happy if Switzerland can, in the most modest fashion, act so as to bring peace nearer."

The step taken by President Wilson has found a ready and mighty echo in the hearts of the people of this country, where day after day we are forced to listen to the moans of suffering Europe.

"Our whole land is filled to overflowing with a longing for peace, and we are ready to assist by any and every means in our power to put a stop to the endless suffering which is brought before our eyes daily by our contact with the interned, the wounded and the expelled peoples of our neighboring countries."

YEAR'S JURYMEN ARE CHOSEN FOR CIRCUIT COURT

Trial and Grand Veniremen for 1917 Term Will Be Drawn Thursday

Manley G. K. Hopkins and Melville T. Simonton, jury commissioners, have filed in circuit court a list of 250 names of persons eligible to serve as trial jurors, and a list of 75 names of persons eligible to serve as grand jurors, for the 1917 term of the first circuit court at Honolulu.

The drawing of jurymen for the term will be held at 10 o'clock next Thursday morning in Circuit Judge Ashford's court, at which time each of the three divisions of the court will select 25 trial jurors. Twenty-three grand jurors also will be selected.

Following is the list of grand jurymen:

First Precinct, Fourth District
Josephus C. Astell, Edward Robert Bath, John F. Child, Charles J. Flebig, Jacob Lando, Thomas James McGrath, Ed. Towse.

Second Precinct, Fourth District
Henry F. Bertelmann, Charles Gerald Bokius, Abraham Gartenberg, J. Henry Lertsche, James Steiner.

Third Precinct, Fourth District
Johannes F. C. Abel, Marston Campbell, Charles R. Frazier, Ferdinand Henry Hons, Alexander G. Horn, William K. Macpherson.

Fourth Precinct, Fourth District
Maurice Brasch, Elam P. Chapin, William F. Gaynor, James E. Jaeger, George T. Kluegel, Jesse M. McClesney.

Fifth Precinct, Fourth District
William George Chalmers, Louis L. La Plante, James Levenson, Frank E. Richardson, Charles Dana Wright.

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BERLIN REPORTS ON LAST 3 DAYS

[German Official]
BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 24.—It is officially reported in the war office announcement on the early results today that in the West, on account of unfavorable weather, there is only a little fighting activity. On the east front there is comparatively nothing important. The Dobrudja is about cleaned of enemies, with the exception of the terrain between Macin and Yaceca. At Doiran lake there is temporary artillery activity.

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 25.—Official war office announcement today says that both the west and east fronts are generally calm. In the Dobrudja, the town of Isaceca has been captured. Near Tulcea artillery fire continues. On the Macedonian front there is nothing important.

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 26.—Official report of the war office today says that neither on the east nor west front is there a large action. In Rumania the Central Powers continue to make progress. On the Macedonian front there are no incidents of importance.

BRITISH AGAIN DEFEAT TURKS

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
LONDON, Eng., Dec. 26.—Following up its victory against the Turks in the capture of El Arish, 90 miles east of the canal, the British in Egypt have captured the strong Turkish position of Maghdadah, 20 miles southeast of El Arish. They captured 1100 Turks and tribesmen here and a considerable quantity of munitions.

Sugar Prices Are Trending Lower

+ Alexander & Baldwin has received the following week-end + sugar cable letter from its New + York house:
+ "NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 23.— + Sales for the week were 62,000 + bags Cuban, 37,000 bags Porto + Rico and 5000 tons of full duty. + Cubas are salable at 4.08, Porto + Rico and full duty 5.07 for January, + Cubas first half of January + salable at 4.08, all January 4.02, + February and March 3.89. There + are 41 centrals grinding."

U. S. Will Call Halt On Mexico

Carranza Must End His Dilatory Tactics By Tonight or Communications Will End

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Unless Provisional President Carranza of Mexico by the end of today returns to the United States government a favorable answer to the last communication outlining U. S. demands for safety measures on the border, communications between the American government and Mexico will be severed. The United States will not parley further over the situation.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 26.—Days of bitter sleet, snow and heavy winds along the border have caused almost an entire cessation of activities. Trills have been suspended for a week because of the heavy downfall. Tents have been blown down in the camps and many officers and enlisted men near El Paso spent last night in hotels.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. EXPEDITION IN MEXICO, Dec. 26.—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were again occasions with the American troops in Mexico. Every man on the expedition, from the lowliest mule-driver to the general, received a present valued at \$2 or \$3. No work except that absolutely necessary was done. With the singing of carols, the playing of bands and athletic contests the entertainments were gay and picturesque. Great feasts were served in all the company messes. For days the army cooks had been preparing the edibles, including antelope, turkey, chicken and wild duck.

On Christmas Eve fireworks costing \$300 were set off. The Mexicans gathered in the neighborhood of the camp were startled as the explosions and flames shooting into the heavens suddenly broke out on Christmas Eve.

SCHOONERS LOST IN HEAVY GALE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
NANTUCKET, Mass., Dec. 26.—A heavy gale sweeping up and down the coast last night wrecked the schooners Roger Drury, Daniel McCloud and Ravolia. No lives are thought to have been lost.

PORTUGAL FEELS HIGH WAR COST

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 26.—The Portuguese cabinet has decided to create a war and public economy committee with extensive powers.

Pope Benedict Lauds Wilson

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
ROME, Italy, Dec. 26.—President Wilson's move for peace has received the praise of The Vatican.
Pope Benedict, speaking yesterday through Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, regarding the Wilson note said:
"It is a document showing the honesty, justice and far-sightedness of the American president."

MT. LASSEN IN ERUPTION

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
REDDING, California, Dec. 26.—Mt. Lassen yesterday began a heavy eruption.
W. W. Scranton, president of the Scranton Gas & Water Co., and wealthiest resident of Scranton, Pa., died suddenly at his mansion. He was 72 years old and a grandson of Col. Scranton, founder of the city.

TEUTONS DECLARE THEIR OWN GROUP READY TO COLLABORATE WITH WILSON TO END WARFARE

Naval Battle in Straits of Otranto---Berlin Says Four Allied Warships Damaged---Main Land Fighting is in Rumania

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 26.—Germany today proposed to the powers that there be an immediate meeting in an effort to bring peace. The German proposal is made in the answer to President Wilson's note, the answer being given through diplomatic channels today, and at the same time made public by the German government.
The answer is the joint reply of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, the notes of the latter three being contained in the German statement.

Berlin suggests that each of the belligerents name delegates to meet and discuss peace terms and urges that the meeting be arranged at once.
The text of the answer by Germany to President Wilson's note, which called upon the belligerents to state the terms for which they are fighting and sounded them on peace possibilities, was handed to Ambassador Gerard today.

Germany's reply is in part as follows:
"The high-minded suggestion of President Wilson, to create a basis for lasting peace, is being considered in the friendly spirit expressed in the president's communications. The president points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of a road."

"To the Imperial German government, an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired result. It begs, therefore, as was the sense of the declaration of December 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates representing the belligerent parties, in some neutral place."

"The Imperial government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing further wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of nations. It will, when this moment shall come, be ready with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task."

The note concludes with the usual diplomatic terms of politeness.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Officials here are surprised at Germany's action in giving out the text of the note in reply to President Wilson's recent suggestion. It was made public in Berlin before reaching Washington. Neither the president nor Secretary of State Lansing would make any comment today.

Fleets Battle Off Italian Coast; Berlin Says Ally Warships Damaged

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 26.—Two Allied patrol boats were sunk and four Allied warships were damaged in an engagement today in the Straits of Otranto. Two Austria destroyers were hit.

The Straits of Otranto lie between Italy and Albania, at the entrance to the Adriatic Sea. Most of the vessels in the Allied fleet which cruises here are Italian. The Austrians maintain a fleet in the Adriatic, with a base at Pola.

Allied War-Vessels Off New England

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 26.—The presence of an Allied fleet in Atlantic waters off this coast is taken to indicate that the warships are sent as commerce protectors, in view of the U-33's raids on Entente shipping. They arrived armed and disguised in American waters only recently, according to reports which are credited.

Swiss Paper Lauds Wilson's Stand

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 26.—Strong support of President Wilson's peace move has come from Swiss sources.
The influential Journal de Geneve gives emphatic praise to the president's note to the belligerent nations.
"We Swiss and other neutrals," says this newspaper, "thank this good Republican and salute them with respect. He dared to propose something precise in order to realize his specific ambitions."
"His words have caused a gleam of hope for this dark Christmas."

Russo-Rumanians Virtually Trapped

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 25.—After the capture of the town of Isakecha (Isaceca) on the Danube, von Mackensen's army has begun an attack on the bridgehead of Matchin, northwestern corner of Dobrudja province, where the Russian and Rumanian forces have retreated.
On other fronts today the situation was relatively quiet.

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 26.—More than 5000 more prisoners have been taken in northwestern Rumania. Filipcehti, between Buzau and Braila, has been captured at the point of the bayonet and Russian positions on both sides of Filipcehti stormed.

DUTCH VESSEL RELEASED AFTER GERMAN INQUIRY

[German Official]
BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 25.—The German sea forces operating off Flan-ders on the night of December 20 brought into Zeebrugge, from a raid on Hordfen, a Dutch steamer, the Otis Tetra, bound from Rotterdam to England. Since examination proved that there was no contraband on board, the steamer was released at noon.